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Student Survival Guide

Career Center:

Instant Appointments are now available in the Counseling Center Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon.

CSUN representative will be on campus Nov. 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. by appointment in the Transfer Center and on Nov. 15 from 10 a.m. to noon in the Cafeteria on a walk-in basis.

UCLA representative will be on campus Nov. 14 from 9 a.m. to noon and from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. by appointment and from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. on a walk-in basis in the Transfer Center.

USC representative will be on campus Nov. 15 from 9 a.m. to noon by appointment in the Transfer Center.

There will be a Transfer Center Workshop entitled "CSUN Admission Workshop" Nov. 7, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Cafeteria Conference Room.

A two part workshop on Nov. 9 and 16, entitled "Self Assessment" and "Exploration" will take place in Campus Center 214 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sign up at the Counseling Department Center.

Algebra competency testing will be held in Behavioral Science 101 on Nov. 10 at 11 a.m.

Tuesday workshop series presents "Study Skills" by Ms. Sue Pierce Nov. 8, noon to 1 p.m. in Foreign Language 102.

Financial Aid, Ability to Benefit Test will be held Nov. 8 at 1 p.m. in Behavioral Science Room 101.

ASU:

All students interested in holding a Student Government position must hand in applications by Nov. 15. Applications and positions available are in the Dean of Student Affairs Office. For more information call ext. 361.

Earth Science Department is sponsoring a lecture entitled "The Winter Sky," by Professor Angus McDonald in the Planetarium Nov. 8, at noon.

Election night coverage Nov. 8 from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. in Behavioral Science 101, refreshments will be served.

Valley Historical Museum Association is sponsoring a lecture about John Charles Freemont Nov. 7 at 3 p.m. in the Cafeteria Conference Room.

M.E.Ch.A is sponsoring a film entitled, "Fire in the Mind: Revolutions and Revolutionaries," Nov. 4 in Foreign Language 111 from noon to 1 p.m.

Prop. 187 protest planned by ASU

By S.L. SALAMONE
Editor-In-Chief

Agitate, educate and organize is what Associated Student Union (ASU) Vice President Jesse Domínguez said at the weekly meeting of MEChA, a Chicano and Latino heritage organization for youth. "Now is the time for us to pick up the battle cry," Domínguez said. ASU is sponsoring an unauthorized demonstration on Monday at 10 a.m. to protest Proposition 187.

Black Student Union (BSU) and PUSO is lending support. The demon-

strators are going to distribute flyers that will say, "vote no on 187."

"This demonstration is not for the faint of heart. We will be walking down the halls asking students to leave classes and protest. We will meet at the flagpole," said Domínguez.

Captain Frank Dallas from campus police said, "We're strictly neutral on the issue. Demonstrators have rights too. They have a cause and we have an obligation to protect their rights. However, if the demonstrators disturb the rights of other students, we'll do what is

necessary. We don't anticipate any violence but we're always prepared."

"To keep MEChA alive, we've got to kill 187," said MEChA President Tony Lavis. Proposition 187 denies education and health services to illegal immigrants. Twenty-five people attended the meeting held at noon yesterday. "This campaign has turned into an us, versus them situation. What we need to do as a group is vote," Lavis said.

According to the Los Angeles Times, "Young protesters from 11 San Fernando Valley middle and high schools crowded streets and

blocked intersections throughout the school day Friday, leading to a tactical alert by police, and scattered fighting and vandalism."

Valley student and MEChA member Elvia Pelayo, sister of Oscar Pelayo, coordinator of the Valleywide MEChA group was at a meeting last night to discuss Friday's student unrest and plan other, more constructive forms of protest. "I was the only college student there. They are trying to get organized by getting flyers and speakers. They don't want to call it a walkout."

Pelayo said about Monday's pro-

posed unauthorized demonstration, "This is something we have to do because we feel it's right. I'm not afraid of being kicked out."

"If 187 passes there won't be any Chicano Studies. There won't be any MEChA. I can guarantee it. This is just the first step," Lavis said.

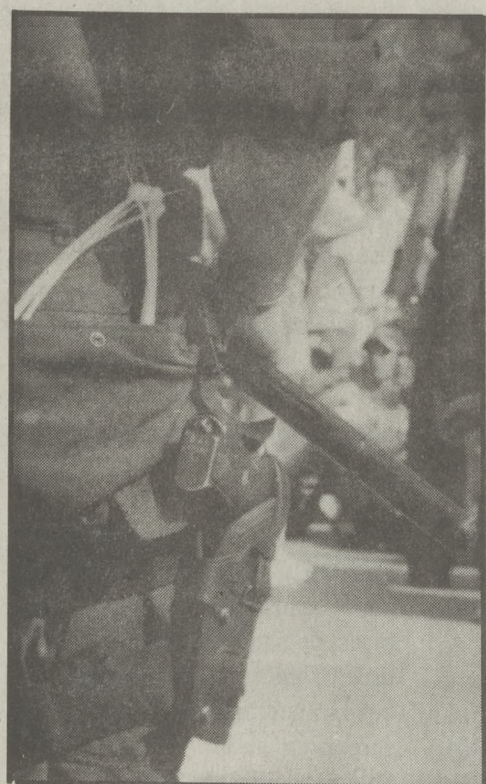
"We want members to be aware that there's a negative side to this. If MEChAistas are going out to do violence, of course, I would be the first one to say no. We do not agree with that," Lavis said.

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Middle and high school students in the San Fernando Valley, left classrooms on Friday to demonstrate against Proposition 187. They marched to Van Nuys Federal Building, where they expressed opposition by waving signs and shouting "No Proposition 187".

Police were present on the scene wearing riot gear to keep control of the demonstrators. Police officers were armed with batons, shotguns, rubber bullets, and tear gas, none of which was used.

Photos by
Michael Latman



Register by phone, reach out and touch a class

By REBECCA CAMARENA
Valley Star Staff Writer

Enrollment by phone should be offered to all students for Fall, 1996. A Student Guarantee Enrollment Day will be Nov. 16. This will allow all continuing students an advance chance to register by

phone and be guaranteed the classes, with the exception of Labs. Mail in registration will begin Nov. 21.

Touch Tone Registration, the process of choosing classes by telephone will be offered to all continuing Valley students for the Spring semester. Mail-in and walk-

in registration are the current forms of registering for continuing and new students.

Students will be given step by step instructions to follow when registering by phone and these are also in the Spring catalog. Billy Reed, assistant dean of admissions and records said, "The key to

smooth phone registration is for students to read the instructions in the catalog before attempting to register."

Confirmation of enrollment in the class will be received immediately, but, no waiting list will be provided if the class is full. Students using phone registration will be

able to pay for classes by credit card, cash or check at the Business Office. Payment will be required within a certain time or the student will lose his spot in the class.

According to Reed, the district has been in the planning stage with Touch Tone Registration for over a year and a half.

Editorial

Are you prepared to vote?

Five days are left to voting. On Nov. 8, California (Calif.) citizens will determine if tobacco companies will dictate that we all will inhale secondhand smoke or not; if the state should be authorized to issue \$1 billion in bonds to construct rail lines; increase sentences for repeat offenders, known as "Three Strikes, Your Out"; a four percent gas tax; health services tax for all Calif. residents; illegal immigrants ineligibility for public services, verification, and reporting initiative; smoking and tobacco products, local preemption, and statewide regulation.

You will also decide who will run the State of Calif. for the next four years; a new U.S. Senator; Secretary of State;

Controller; Treasurer; Superintendent of Public Instruction, (Education); Insurance Commissioner; and Attorney General. Those who we elect will determine what is right for Calif. and its citizenry.

Be informed, read the newspapers, watch the news on television, listen to radio, and talk to your family and friends on the issues. Look at the pros and cons of each candidate and each proposition.

Call the candidate's campaign offices and ask questions; demand answers or don't vote for that individual. Remember, after Nov. 8, all is said and done. You'll have to wait for another four years to make any changes. So, be informed and vote on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Say "No" to tobacco companies

By SYLVIA ARONSON
Valley Star Staff Writer

Proposition 188 will be on the ballot when you go to vote on Nov. 8. Please, please, please remember that if you want to make it more difficult for the Philip Morris tobacco company to get cigarettes to us, vote NO on Proposition 188.

C. Everett Koop, M.D., former

Surgeon General of U.S. Public Health from 1981 to 1989, is against Proposition 188.

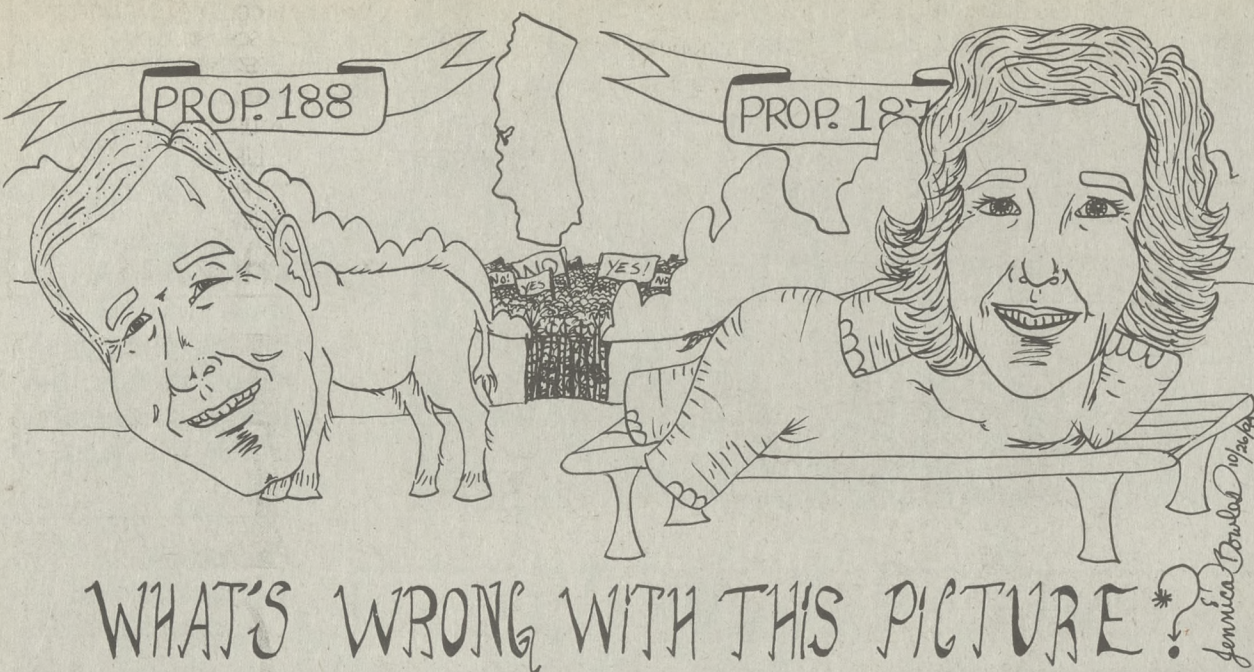
Please do not be taken in by the very well written and deceptive propaganda being sent to you in the mail. It's so clever—it sounds like they are on "your side" if you vote Yes on Proposition 188.

If Proposition 188 passes, nonsmokers will be forced to breathe secondhand smoke. Secondhand smoke causes health

problems to nonsmokers; asthma, cancer, and respiratory disease.

The tobacco industry put Proposition 188 on the ballot to "Prohibit any local government from regulating tobacco in the future."

The American Cancer Society, the American Lung Association, the American Heart Association, and other health care groups urge you to vote NO on Proposition 188.



To the Editor,

Am I to consider myself lucky that by only a few years I missed the wreckage that Proposition 187 will bring to today's illegal immigrants? When my parents brought me to this country, the child of illegal immigrants could one day be an American. The children of today's illegal immigrants will be reduced to one role: as servants of the ones who came before.

Americans were offered this proposition in response to their desire to see illegal immigrants go back where they came from. The idea was this: illegal immigrants

come here for benefits, remove benefits, and they will go back home. But, because we are now realizing that they don't come here for that reason, we have modified our argument for Proposition 187. We are now saying that we want to send a message to the U.S. Federal Government.

Well, it seems to me that we are still fooling ourselves. There are messages being sent, but they read as follows: Employers of illegal immigrants, you are completely innocent; it is all their fault; go back to business as usual.

U.S. Federal Government, you do

not need to do anything anymore; we have solved the problem ourselves; we still have our cheap labor workers, but, without the cost of educating their children in return.

Proposition 187 is not about getting rid of illegal immigrants. It's about redefining their place in our society. I ask my fellow Americans to vote "No" on Proposition 187. Because, if you remember, when we mastered another people, it wasn't good for our soul.

Eva Fernandez
Psychology Major

Views on Proposition 187

By NORMAN BRETZ
Opinion Editor

The League of Women Voters of California wrote, "According to the U.S. Constitution, any child born in the United States is a citizen. Most illegal immigrant families in Calif. have citizen children who are entitled to the same benefits as any other citizen. Illegal immigrants generally are not allowed welfare grants. They do qualify for some social services and health care programs. Child welfare services, foster care, and prenatal care are examples of services available."

A New York Times article said that Attorney General Janet Reno, unofficially, opposed Proposition 187 because it may be unconstitutional. In 1982, a similar law was passed in Texas, but the U.S. Supreme Court struck it down saying it was unconstitutional. Reno said, "It doesn't make sense to turn schoolteachers and nurses into Border Patrol agents; it doesn't make sense to kick children out of school or not to give them immu-

nizations."

The Mexican Consul General, here in Los Angeles, are worried there will be hostilities against Mexican immigrants. They wrote that Mexican workers have contributed to the enrichment and prosperity of the United States. The Los Angeles Times wrote that if a person comes here illegally, it's a crime and that Proposition 187 will deny this criminal class benefits that are wearing thin for those of us who pay for them; there be discourage them from coming here in the first place.

Voting yes will mean that all Californians will be required to have a card stating their citizenship. For those of us with light color skin, wont need to worry being pulled over by the police. There are many Europeans who are here illegally, but probably wont be asked to prove their citizenship. Then again, if your skin is dark colored, you can bet you will be harassed.

Proposition 187, if passed, will be challenged in court to determine if it is constitutional. This will cost taxpayers millions of dollars. Also,

riots may breakout costing taxpayers even more money and possibly lives. This money could go to education!

Then again, Calif. will rid itself of Mexicans, Central and South Americans, Japanese, Chinese, and all other non-Europeans from this state. Then the White middle-class can live at ease. Crime will be reduced, schools wont be overcrowded, more jobs will be available, and no need for health care reform; not so! Proposition 187 is racist, unconstitutional, and insane!

Valley students are made up of many different cultures. Most of us have friends of different ethnic backgrounds. We have them as friends because we have found that we have much in common, for instance, our humanity. Also, most of us enjoy the same sports, music, and movies. Proposition 187 may destroy this. Some of us may become suspicious of our friends turning us over to the INS. Coming next Tuesday, vote intelligently so that you can walk away from the voting booth with a clear conscience.

Illegals, stay home or else!

By LAURA RENOLDS
Valley Star Staff Writer

Unfortunately, Proposition 187 doesn't do a thing beefing up the Border Patrol. It doesn't even crack down on employers who hire illegal immigrants. On issues of illegal Immigration Proposition 187 is not the real solution. Under the proposed law, people of California have suffered economic hardships caused by the presence of illegals. Any person who uses false documents are committing a crime and

punishable by law.

For verification of legal status of persons arrested as illegal immigrants, law enforcement agencies will need to verify the legal status of citizenship. Also, under the law, illegal immigrants will not be entitled to any public social services. The only persons authorized to receive public services are citizens of the United States, and lawfully admitted aliens according to Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS). Do we want our teachers and health facilities to turn into spotters for the INS?

The law also will state that manufacture of false documents will be

punished. There are many employers hiring illegals to do work; they will be subject to a fine if caught. The American public has voiced their opinion and will vote on Proposition 187 election on Nov. 8. Some say their jobs are taken by illegal aliens that others wouldn't even do such as: washing dishes, maid service, or working in the fields. Some say that Proposition 187 is poorly drafted, because it directly conflicts with several Federal laws. The state could lose billions of dollars in Federal funding. Before voting, please read your California Ballet Pamphlet on Proposition 187.

Letters

To the Editor,

Genus Sciurus, family Sciuridae, some common species are Gray, Red, Fox, and European. An arboreal rodent characterized by a slender body, heavy fur, long bushy tail, and prominent eyes. Yes, yes the squirrel! However, in some quarters unflattering referred to as "Rats with fur coats." And then there is "Kitty, Kitty", our familiar feral neighborhood quadruped carnivore, genus Felis. Who, as we all know, feels that the rodent is her particular gastronomic proclivity.

So, here are the protagonists in the scene described by the article in the "Valley Star" last week. While the event was admittedly a bit of a "Walk on the wild side" slice of primitive species interaction and a little rich for our urban supermarket blood (pun intended) — it was after all the "Real" thing,

nature in the buff.

Also note the fact that the cute little squirrel has a rodent's taste for eggs and young birds when they are available, not to mention that male squirrels will kill young squirrels in their nests. They are very tough customers. As I recall, from my own tender years, one story in particular was when a friend who grabbed an unwary squirrel also discovered this same toughness. The critter latched on with an incisorial death grip into the web of flesh between his thumb and forefinger. Gee, I can still remember his amazingly loud howls of pain!

Since cats also realize that squirrels are a sharp toothed handful and because there are no young birds or squirrels around at this time of the year, there must have been something else these two were scrapping about. The complaint about ant-infested food all over the

campus may indicate the cat wasn't motivated by hunger, and generally speaking cats are not inclined to commit suicide. The only guess left might be a territorial dispute of some kind, most likely the cat was up the "wrong" tree.

Don't forget the blame for the missing birds that were mentioned can be attributed to the presence of both the cats and the squirrels, not to mention our own "homo sapiens" bipedal intrusions. The paper trash left over from feeding the cats is really our biggest problem, cats don't "Do" trash. Educating the "cat people" to more bio-degradable methods is one answer or perhaps permanent feeders provided by Valley is a better idea. The ants, on the other hand, being the most efficient of all think they have found the perfect progressive picnic.

Holly Carson
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Strategies to prepare for finals

A seminar was offered to help students get through the stress of studying.

By JO-ANA D'BALCAZAR
Valley Star Staff Writer

The self-instructional "Mini-Course in Academic Skills," a 10 part series is recommended for students who want to improve their strategies. The course is available at the Learning Center.

There are several strategies that will help students obtain good grades for finals. On Oct. 25 there was a seminar coordinated by the Learning Center called "Test Taking Strategies and Preparing for Finals," conducted by Dr. Lisa Raskind, professor of history, and Susan Pierce, Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOP&S) counselor and reading center teacher. "It is never too early to start paying attention to study skills, there are always new techniques and skills to learn," said Richard Holdredge, director of the Learning Center.

According to Raskind and Pierce, the best strategy for taking finals is to start studying now. Some strategies that may help students are learning how to listen, taking notes, and reading critically. Students should study regularly, not only the night before the exam.

Raskind advised students to read over lecture notes and say them aloud, to participate in a study group or with a study partner; memorize key ideas, terms, defi-

nitions and information. Students should also not be afraid to ask the teacher if they don't understand something.

When taking an essay exam "You should think of yourself as a teacher, not as a student," Raskind said. There is a tendency to write a sophisticated essay but in the process you forget to include the basic information and points of topics. Students have to remember that they are writing as a teacher and their essays must be understood by their students.

She said that one of the common problems when taking an essay test is that students give a list of facts or general statements. She emphasized to balance the essay between specific examples and general statements.

Raskind advised students to follow a construction structure for their essay, not to make it complicated. Include the introduction to state your thesis; development to discuss and illustrate the major points; and conclusion to bring the essay to a close.

A good essay presents a central thesis, and supports and illustrates this thesis with specific examples. This will ground your essay and keep it from being merely an "opinion." Raskind advised students to begin preparing the essay by clustering ideas around the central thesis and find the most important points related to the thesis. Before submitting the essay be sure that

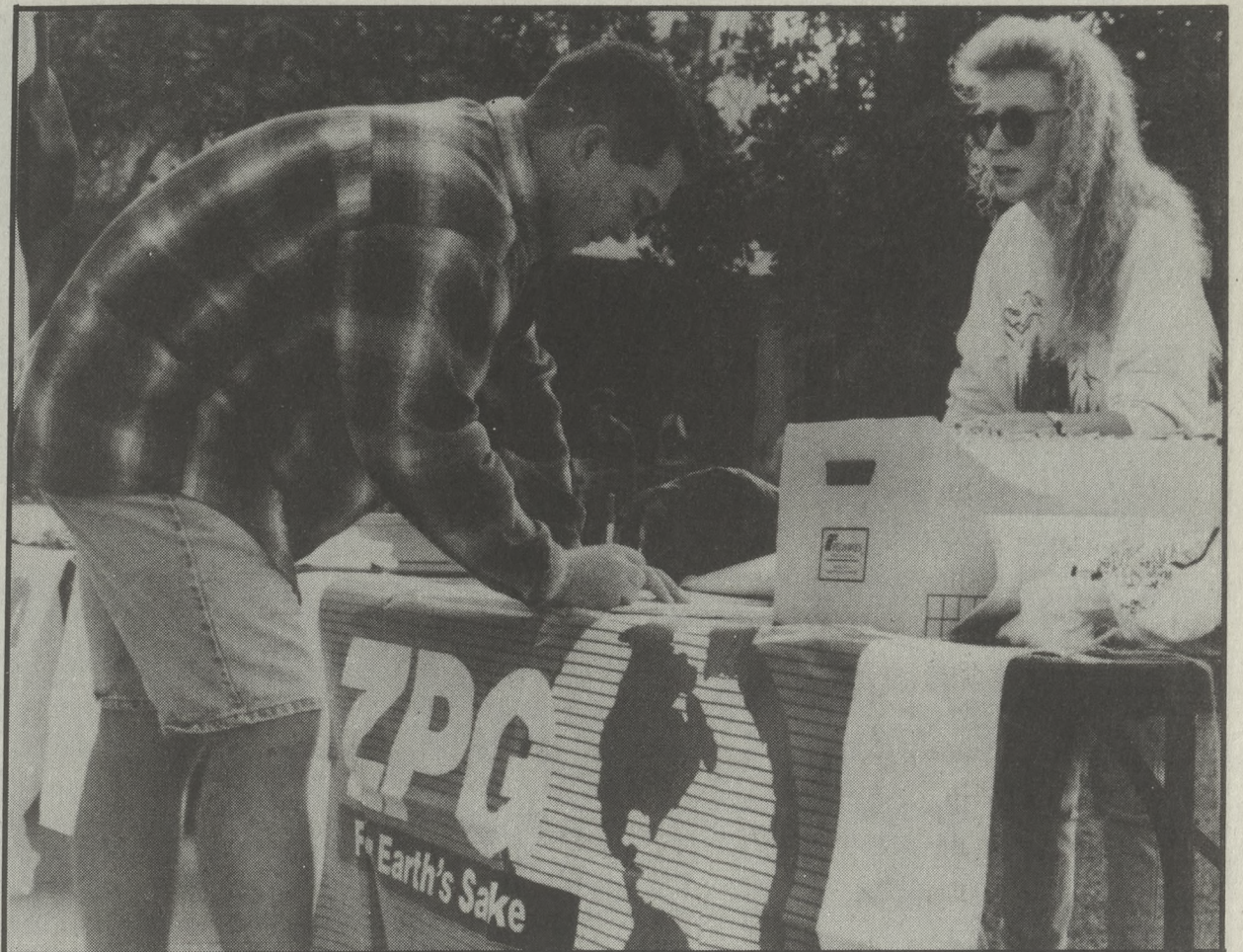
the main points are clearly linked to the thesis.

According to Pierce, when taking a multiple choice test, students should read the questions carefully. Look at the test, point lay out, and divide your time to complete highest point questions first. One of the common problems is that students lose credit for not following directions, even though they know the subject.

Pierce said students should look for clues in other questions. One question might have the answer or orientate you towards previous questions. Alternatives which include the words "All, always, none, or never" tend to be wrong, but not always. However alternatives which include the words "Most or some" tend to be correct, but there are exceptions. The best method to secure your answers is to study your notes.

"Keep yourself calm and focused in the testing session. Answer the questions you know first, this builds confidence for the questions you may not be sure of," Pierce said.

She said students should not sabotage themselves if they don't know the answer. Students should not hear or imagine negative thoughts while taking the test, when this happens, a student should stop, breath in, breath out, and pull yourself back to the test. The more tense you are, the less clear you think.



MICHAEL LATMAN/VALLEY STAR

The Zero Population Growth Booth was signing up students during Club Day, Oct. 26.

Zero Population Group comes to Valley to educate students

By GREGG GOLDSTEIN
and JEFF ROBERTSON
Valley Star Staff Writers

"America has five percent of the Earth's population but uses 25 percent of the resources on the planet," said Rhonda Speer, co-chairman of the Zero Population Group (ZPG) during Club Day Oct. 26.

ZPG is a national, nonprofit organization that works to achieve a balance between population, resources and the environment, both in the United States and worldwide.

According to Lee Levine, co-chair of ZPG, the planet's population increases by three people per second, and 100 million people per year. "This is about the size of

three California's each year," said Levine.

"The number one problem is the number of people on the Earth. Controlling our population should be our major concern," added Levine.

ZPG claims that by the year 2050, the U.S. population could double, which will stretch out the planet's food and water resources. "The only way to save our planet is to love our planet. You must treat the Earth the same as you would treat someone you love," said Levine.

ZPG's population policy campaign advocates things such as family planning, teen pregnancy prevention and contraceptive research.

Speer said, "It is possible to stop this madness, if only we could give

up some of our luxuries and stop the waste and become more educated. Mother Earth will always be here. It is up to us to make sure we are going to always be here too."

Protest

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Refugio Lepetreasurer of MEChA said, "The community is getting this idea that if 187 passes on Tuesday, by Wednesday we'll all be gone."

Jorge Santiago a business major at Valley and member of Los Angeles Organizing Committee to Defeat 187, student faction, was a speaker at the meeting.

"We want to do something constructive."

He urged MEChA members to contact junior high and high school

students too young to vote to convince voting age friends and family to vote no on 187.

"Phone from phone banks throughout the city that are designated as Los Angeles Organizing Committee Youth phone banks.

Students must go from walkouts to organizing," said Santiago.

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Actors are rehearsing for the premier opening night of Digger Descending at the Horseshoe Theatre.

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Theater review

The play Pastiche is an outlandish comedy hodgepodge

By AMANDA MORESCO
Valley Star Staff Writer

Farce is a mild term to describe what was presented at Valley's Shoebox Theater on Friday. Although, the plot was a bit outlandish, the one act play kept me smiling throughout its 45 minute duration.

The piece takes place in the dining room of Sir Peter Tanford, played by Aubrey West. He is celebrating his 25th wedding anniversary to his wife Lady Alexandra, played by Christina Smith, however, he is celebrating with Viola Vienyesa, his mistress, played by Dafna Kaiserman.

The fun begins when Lady

Alexandra returns from a party early and interrupts the bumbling butler, Medford (Don Creapo), who is setting a candlelight table for Sir Peter and his mistress. The two join forces and try to figure out a way to foil the evening.

Although the events that followed, occasionally made me laugh, they were so ridiculous that,

in consequence, they made the entire piece seem unbelievable.

For instance, in an attempt to ruin Viola and Sir Peter's date, Medford, leaves the stage and returns as a police officer "patrolling the grounds." He returns a second time as a French musician.

It is obvious that the situation created is humorous, however, I

failed to see its pertinence to the play. At times I lost interest and became confused. In my opinion, director Simone Voltaire did a good job in blocking the piece, but I did have a problem with the actors' timing. While the timing in a farce must be upbeat and fast, I would have liked Voltaire to have slowed it down a beat. The whole piece

seemed rushed and I missed a few lines because of it.

Don Creapo should be commended for his English accent. It was just about the only believable aspect of the entire play.

While Dafna Kaiserman was the perfect show girl, I would have liked her to be more relaxed on stage.

Dale digs directing

By HOLLY PITZER CARSON
Valley Star Staff Writer

It's not the umpteenth production of the Odd Couple. The audience won't sit there and say, "Oh yeah, I remember this part." The audience won't know what's going to happen because it's brand new. The Horseshoe Theatre at Valley College presents the premier of Digger Descending.

The play is about television stuntman Digger Duncan who is killed in a stunt accident.

Max, Diggers brother, has him cremated. Diggers best friend Tracy and Max get romantically involved which leads to Tracy's getting pregnant.

Meanwhile Digger comes back as a ghost who wants to return to the world of the living through reincarnation.

Directing this play is Valley alumna Duchess Dale. She received a Dramalogue Award for her role as Annie Sullivan in "The

Miracle Worker and she was at the Mark Taper Forum in the production of "Juno and the Paycock."

Dale finished her directorship in the Spring of 1993. "I'm good at directing. I like it." Dale says she comes from a long line of Vaudevillians.

My grandmother had 22 children, not all of them made it to adulthood, but those that did were pushed into acting.

My grandmother raised me, so acting was a natural for me. It's technically in my blood, I've been acting since I was a tiny tot."

Dale decided to get into directing and came back to Valley to learn how. She has since produced three plays for Actors Alley. "I hope to eventually have my own theater. Talk about a dream; you get to do it all."

Digger Descending will play Nov. 3 through the 5 and Nov. 7 through 12. Performances begin at 8 p.m. Reservations can be made by calling 781-1200 ext.353.

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Amanda Shipman gets into the Halloween spirit.

New child development instructor loves children

LEONARDO MAYORGA
Valley Star Staff Writer

The love for children and the desire to teach lead Amanda Shipman, Child Development instructor, to switch from a P.E. teacher to a career in Child Development.

"I chose this career because child development is the best time of anybody's life. Those are the years when children are like sponges, whatever you give them they'll suck up," Shipman said. Child Development deals with the care of young children from birth to adolescence.

The warmth and sensitivity from her mother toward young children motivated her to change careers. "While teaching P.E. in High School and junior high, I recognized that there were many things that children didn't know. So, I decided that I wanted to be their first teacher," Shipman said.

She got her masters on Child Development with an emphasis in special education, since she has experience working with kids with special needs. "I've had a lot of experience in teaching. I've even taught in a classroom with my own children," Shipman said.

She has taught for over 30 years at many colleges such as Cal State Dominguez Hills, Charles Drew Medical School, and was currently working in Compton College when she was called by Valley to come and teach child Development full time. What she enjoys about Valley is the Atmosphere on campus. "I enjoy the support from my co workers, staff, and student body. There seems to be a warm feeling coming from everybody, even students that aren't in my class."

"The best thing about my job are my students. I'm happy whenever I can recognize that they are enjoying or really appreciating the information that I'm giving them," Shipman said.

Correction

In the Oct. 27 issue, in the article "ASU President determined to make a difference," it was reported that Frank Cramblitt was in charge of book grants and new furniture in the Fireside Room. Lupe Marquez, and Com-

missioner of Scholastic Activities, issued book grants. Commissioner of Campus Improvements, Vena Pourciau, was involved primarily with the addition of new furniture in the Fireside Room. **David Helleskov**
Feature Editor

English Department begins new program

By JESSICA ASSAD
Valley Star Staff Writer

In an effort to demonstrate the importance of learning, rather than mere retention of information, Rita Werner, professor of English and Doris Richardson, matriculation coordinator are introducing the Supplemental Instruction (SI) Workshop Program at Valley.

SI assists students academically with a concentration on increasing the students performance (higher grades) and retention. The program consists of three meetings every week, thereby "making use of study time more efficiently," says Werner. SI courses being offered are: Afro-American 5, Chemistry 60, Chicano 2, Economics 1, English 101, Math 115 and Math 125.

Through her own personal research while on sabbatical, Werner traveled around the United States, interviewing a total of 18 schools who are currently involved with the program. "All schools reported only successes about the program," Werner says.

Each class has an assigned SI leader. This leader has taken and passed the course and sits in at every class meeting. The leader is

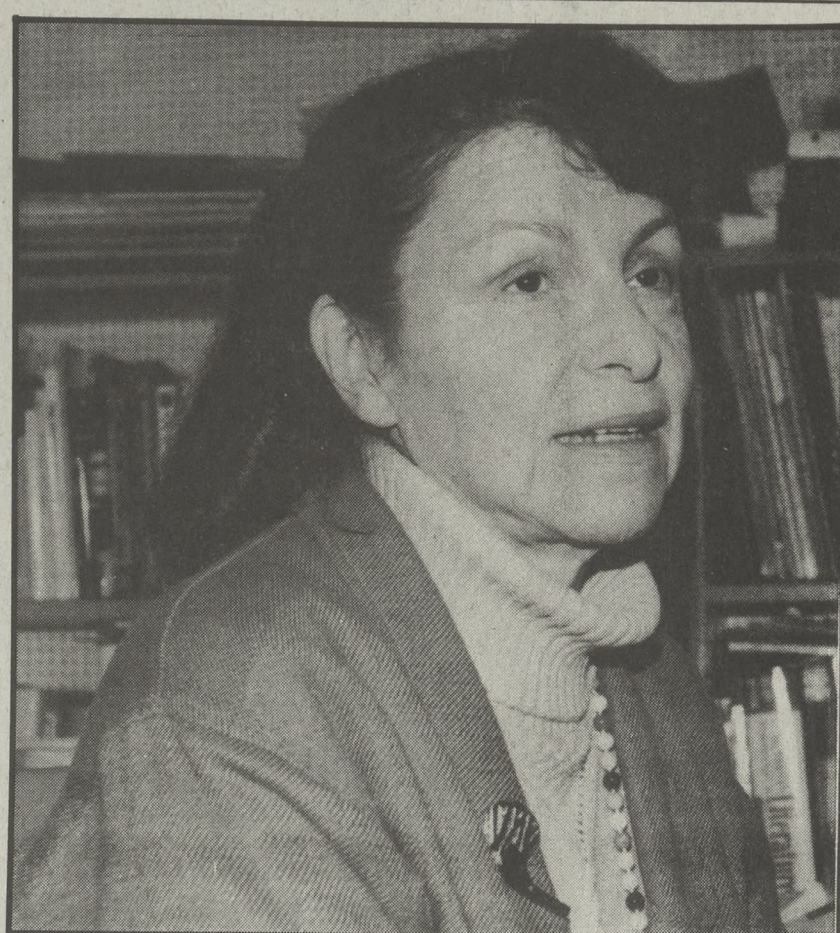
a guide and has been required to attend an intensive two-day training session. This training is to enhance his or her understanding of the students and their questions and problems.

SI will be available for next semester. The program is a non-computerized interactive program. "Students have the opportunity to become actively involved in the course material as the SI leaders use the text, supplementary readings and lecture notes as the vehicles for learning. Its job is to supplement the course with additional materials," says Richardson.

"The SI meetings should not be repeating information already learned in class, it should be supplemental, by introducing new ideas about the topic at hand," Werner says.

The meetings are attended on a voluntary basis. If a person does not feel the need for extra help, then they do not have to accept the assistance. Attendance is only recorded for statistical information.

Additional study skills are also taught at these meetings SI leaders include in each session information on note-taking, anticipating test questions, vocabulary development and memory aids not nor-



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Rita Werner is head of Supplemental Instruction Program.

"The SI meetings should not be repeating information already be supplemental, by introducing new ideas about the topic at hand," says Rita Werner, English professor.

mally found in other types of study/review sessions. An opportunity to test yourself "before the instructor does" is also helpful.

Werner says, "I hope to place most of the emphasis on the fact that these sessions are offered on a voluntary basis. The teachers do not know if the students go. This program is for students only."

Concerns of funding are already arising even before the program gets off the ground.

"The English Department supplied me with a \$4000 grant to begin with, but we still have no idea where the money for the following semesters will come from, but we're working on it," says Werner.

Valley cafeteria offers foods that are fresh, hot, and made daily

By LAURA RENOLDS
Valley Star Staff Writer

Fresh vegetables, bread, mashed potatoes and assorted dishes are just a few selections served within Valley's cafeteria. Rosie Whalen, food supervisor says, "The food is fresh, hot and made daily."

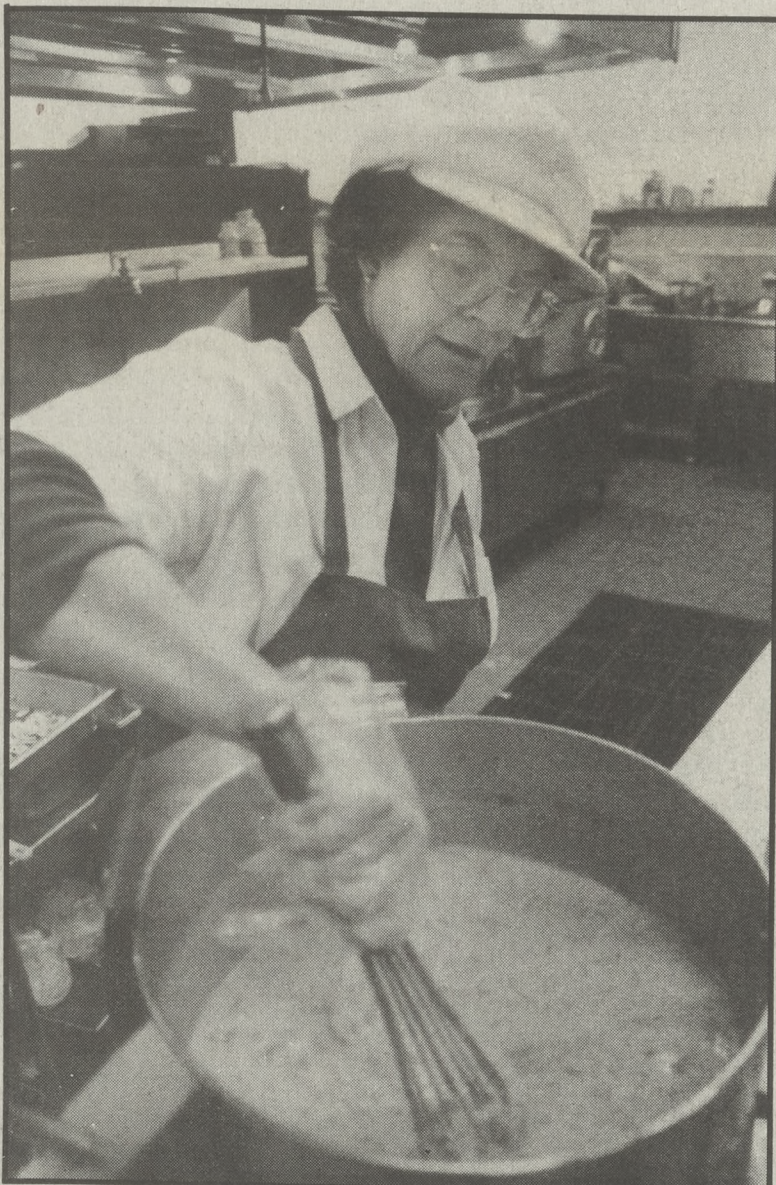
In the cafeteria, ample room and easy access are provided for those students physically challenged. An outside covered patio is available for people to dine under or relax in the shade nearby trees.

On a daily basis, the food is prepared on a routine schedule. Some foods are frozen before heated and cooked for the daily meals like meats, certain vegetables, pizza's and burritos. In addition, fresh breads are served

from breakfast through dinner such as bagels, white bread, wheat and crackers for soups.

A sandwich section is located on the premises, with sandwiches made fresh daily. Students can have their sandwiches made of turkey, ham or coldcuts. "All of the food products are fresh and are not reheated from the day before," says Whalen.

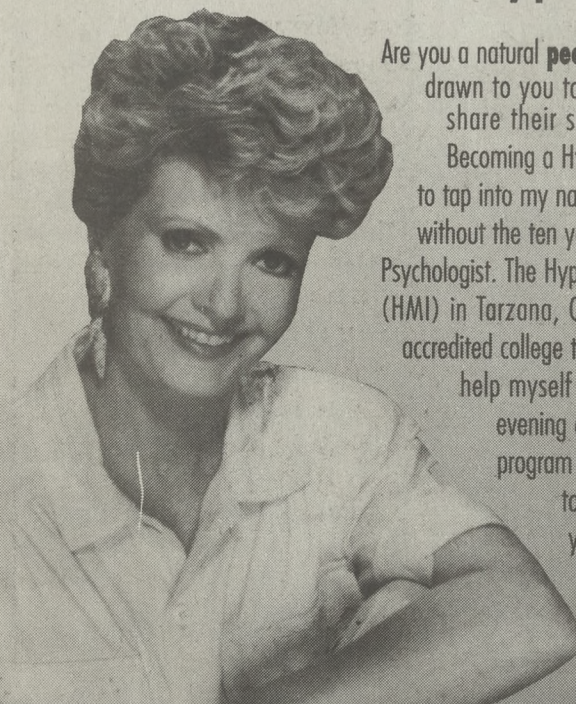
"Some of the employees are students working to support themselves with extra income. The students use the extra income to buy books and materials for classes, while attending Valley. Other workers are regular staff employees of the school. The cafeteria is everybody's responsibility to maintain and keep clean so that everyone can enjoy," says Whalen. Overall appearance has improved.



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Joan Dionne whippin' up mushroom soup in the kitchen.

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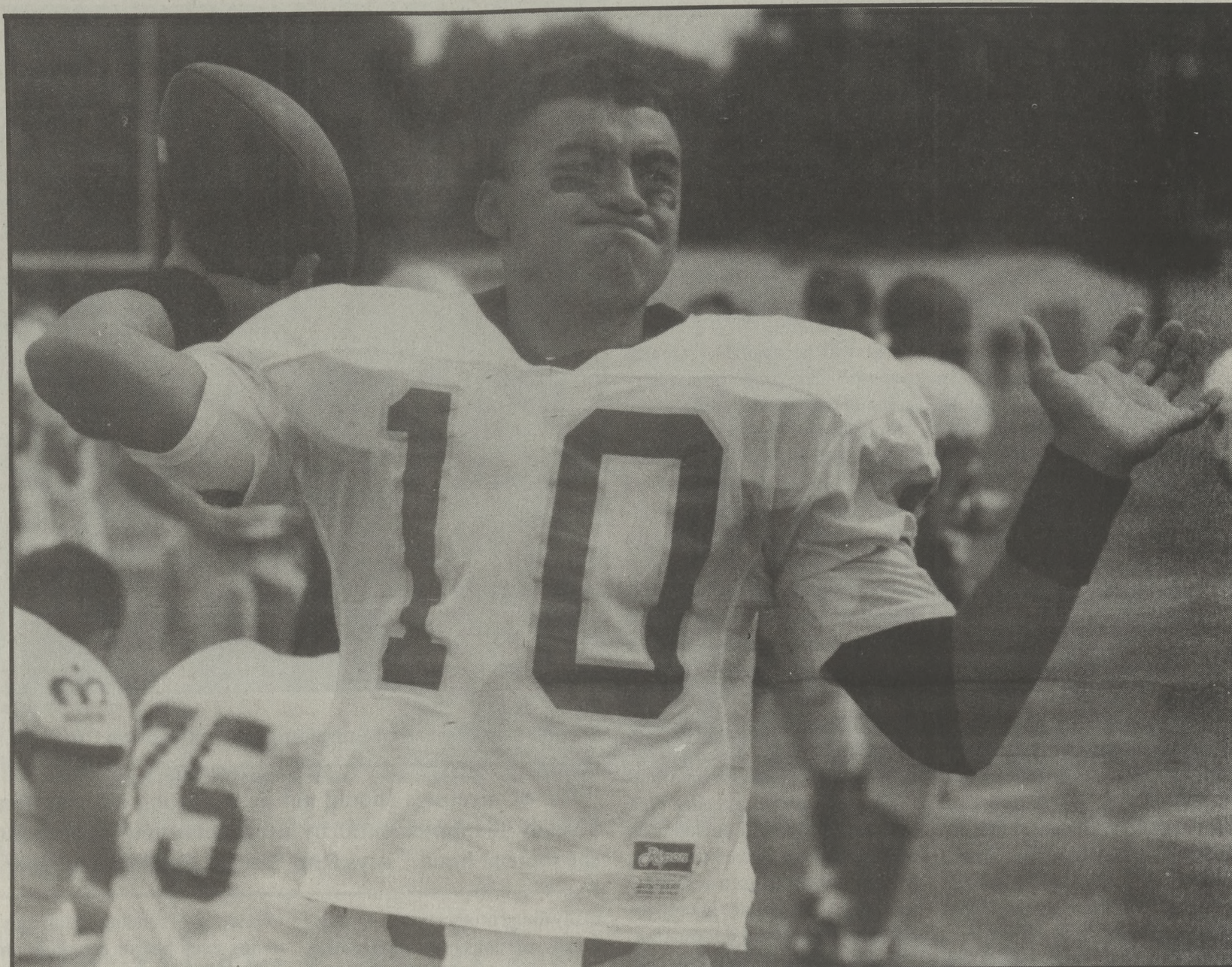
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Number ten, Jim Arellanes warms up during practice in preparation for the upcoming game against Bakersfield.

Profile

Quarterback in training; NFL hopeful

By ROBERT BLECHL
Valley Star Staff Writer

"I love the team," said Jim Arellanes, quarterback for Valley's Monarchs. "I love the offense we run. The team is great and everyone is real close. It is a good atmosphere out here," said Arellanes.

"I am going to go to a four year school after Valley but I do not know which one," said Arellanes. At the end of the season he will decide where to go. "Hopefully I will be playing on Sunday someday in the NFL (National Football League)," said Arellanes.

Arellanes transferred to Valley from Northern Arizona. Before doing that, he searched for col-

leges that would allow him to play on their football team. "I talked to a few coaches including Coach Fenwick, and I decided to come to Valley," said Arellanes.

Arellanes describes his daily workout. "The football team comes in, we work out (with weights) for about 45 minutes and watch some film. Then we go out to the field to practice."

If he gets the chance, Arellanes comes in between classes to learn from the film. "We look at the practice film or game film of the team we are playing next week to try and see what they are going to do. That way we go in prepared knowing what we expect instead of just going out there and guessing," said Arellanes.

Leading a successful football team can be stressful. Arellanes says he feels the stress mainly during the week trying to get prepared for Saturday nights games. "The pressure is not Saturday night, it is mostly during the week," said Arellanes. "But if you practice well during the week you are going to do good Saturday night."

"Coach Jim Fenwick had some pretty good motivational speeches," said Arellanes, when asked what pep talks help the team maintain their 7-0 record. "He tells us that since we are winning all of our games that the teams are going to come out there for us. And it will make their season if they beat us," said Arellanes.

Arellanes started playing foot-

ball during his sophomore year of high school. "I really didn't play much when I was younger. Most of my friends were playing football so I decided to go out there and play with them. I started playing wide receiver but within the first year they moved me to quarterback," said Arellanes.

Arellanes also participates in basketball.

Bowling is another hobby. "I have been into athletics most of my life," said Arellanes, but I also want to get my degree". "Right now I am undecided, but I am interested in being a business major."

"You have to go out there and be relaxed, especially playing quarterback position", said Arellanes.

ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

Name:

Brian Comer

Grade: Sophomore

High school: Chatsworth

Accomplishments for the month:

up to present seven games

49 passes caught; 1,003 yards, nine touchdowns

29 rushes, 4.5 yards per rush

Facts:

Now holds Los Angeles Valley College career reception record-114 receptions.

After seven games Comer is second in L.A.V.C. career all purpose rushing

After seven games Comer is now in third place in L.A.V.C. career scoring

After seven games Comer is now in second in one season with most touchdown receptions.

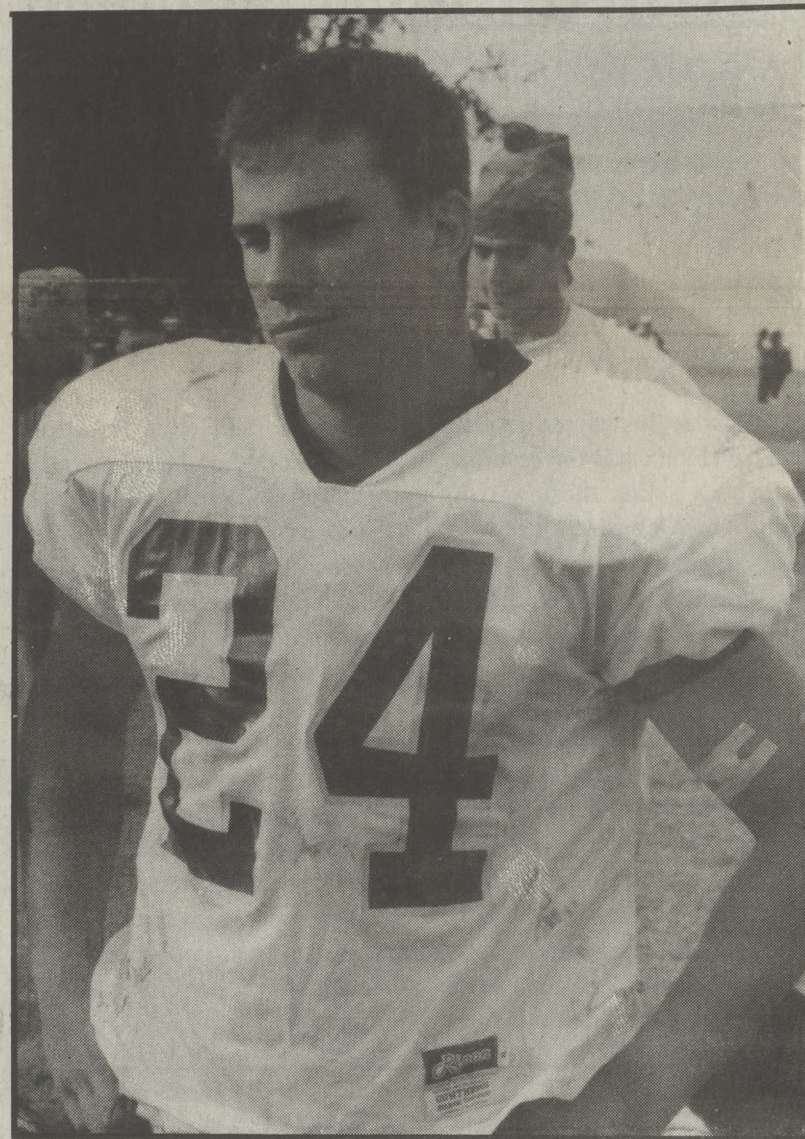
Records to date

Career receptions- Brian Comer, 114, breaks 84, beats Rob Mottram, 1971

Career all purpose rushing- Brian Comer 1867 yards.

Career scoring- Brian Comer, 114 points

Most touchdown in one season- Brian Comer, 8



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